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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/678,413
Filing Date	October 2, 2000
First Named Inventor	Eduardo J. Baralt
Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	T. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	09/678,413US (4081-00300)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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a. ☐ Deposit Account No. _____

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 10/15/2003 AHONDAF1 00000014 09678413

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 QP

iii. ☐ Other _____

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Name (Print/Type)	Rodney B. Carroll	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	39,624
Signature		Date	10-7-03

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2004

Effective 10/01/03. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$ 770.00

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None☐ Deposit Account:

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Deposit Account Name: Conley Rose, P.C.

The Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code	Fee (\$)	Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing Fee	\$
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	\$
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	\$
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	\$
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	\$
SUBTOTAL (1)					\$

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	*	- 20**	= * x	18.00	= \$
Independent Claims	*	- 3**	= * x	86.00	= \$
Multiple Dependent				280.00	= \$ 00.00

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Code	Fee (\$)	Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent Claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

Complete if Known

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code	Fee (\$)	Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	\$
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	\$
18042	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1451	1,510	1452	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	\$
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	50	1806	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)	\$
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	\$
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	\$
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1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$770.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	\$
Other fee (specify)					\$

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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